

line 7, change "plates" to --walls--; ✓

line 8, change "plate" (each occurrence) to --wall-; ✓

line 9, delete "constant". ✓

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 8-10, 12, 15-18, 20, 22 and 25 having been amended and Claims 26-28 have been added by the present amendment.

This amendment amends the specification, claims and abstract to correct minor informalities. For example, the term "foil brush" has been added whenever a "fiber brush" is discussed as this application is related to both fiber and foil brushes disclosed in the incorporated co-pending international application Serial No. 09/147,100, entitled "Continuous Metal Fiber Brushes."

In addition, the term "plate" in the specification, claims and abstract has been amended to "wall" to more clearly recite the features of the present invention. Further, the use of the phrase "constant pressure" applied to the brush has been amended to recite "substantially constant pressure" (see page 8, line 14 in the specification) or the term "constant" has been deleted (see Claim 1, for example). This is because although the brush pressure is ideally constant, it may in fact vary, as demonstrated in Table 3 at page 21. In addition, Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the second wall is configured to be

fastened to the brush. This is because the brush is per se not part of the brush holder. That is, the brush holder may be manufactured and sold separately from the brush.

Further, new Claims 26-28 have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope. In particular, new Claim 26 corresponds to the substantially "constant" pressure feature removed from Claim 1, new Claim 27 is an independent claim, and new Claim 28 depends on Claim 6. Applicant submits no new matter has been added.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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